

‘Sisters in Arms’ empowers women of USARPAC

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FORT SHAFTER — Women have served in the Army in many different capacities since its founding, but have often been lumped into categories such as “Band of Brothers” or “Brothers in Arms.”

That is, until now.

U.S. Army-Pacific is unveiling its “Sisters in Arms” program, a forum focused on educating, mentoring and empowering women to be successful leaders. A Banyan tree symbolizes the official motto, “Rooted as one: branching to all.”

“We chose the Banyan tree as the symbol of this program because it represents everything we want Sisters in Arms to be — enduring, expansive, long-lasting,” said Sgt. Maj. Kanessa Trent, USARPAC Public Affairs senior enlisted leader and member of the program’s initial executive steering committee.

“As a Banyan tree grows, it literally branches out and becomes rooted in the ground surrounding the original tree trunk, which can sometimes die and become hollowed out; yet, the tree lives on through the remaining, newer columns. It’s the perfect metaphor for mentorship, growth and enduring success,” Trent said.

Sisters in Arms’ goal is to empower women

by developing strong bonds and partnerships between junior and senior leaders, military and civilian alike. The program will address women-specific issues, but will not exclude men who want to attend meetings and educate themselves

at USARPAC is formalizing the mentorship model. This program was developed to mentor and empower women Soldiers and DA civilians to become successful leaders. We will conduct meetings in a casual, comfortable and engaging environment.”

Each month, Sisters in Arms will meet during a brown bag luncheon to discuss a specific theme; meetings may include a panel of successful women from the community who will speak about the importance of, or their experiences surrounding, the subject or topic. The program is open to all.

“Having the opportunity to network and share ideas and experiences with successful women will help all our Soldiers and civilians to be more empowered and better postured for future leadership roles,”

Andrews said.

Sisters in Arms will do that by providing a forum for all women to strengthen peer-to-peer bonds, engrain professional ethics, enhance professional and personal growth, and provide mentorship and guidance by pairing a junior Soldier or civilian with a successful senior leader and fostering an environment where women are comfortable discussing issues, Andrews added.

Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, USARPAC,

supported a similar program at his previous duty station and strongly endorses the Sisters in Arms initiative.

“We want to strengthen our formations through open and honest dialogue, improve the resilience of our female population, and develop strong bonds and partnerships,” Andrews said. “Today’s warfighter overcomes stereotypes every time she puts on the uniform. We are Soldiers and

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Meeting

The flagship meeting is 9-11 a.m., Oct. 10, at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

What’s in a word?

- EMPOWERS stands for the following:
- Engage:** Getting women out in the community to make a difference.
 - Meet:** Networking and how to build professional relationships.
 - Perform:** Improving performance in the work environment.
 - Overcome:** Conquering adversities in ever-changing environments.
 - Wellness:** Instilling confidence in mental and physical health.
 - Educate:** Emphasizing importance of continuing education.
 - Revive:** Having fun; inspiring and recognizing “everyday” women.
 - Sponsor:** Advocating for fellow women.



Soldiers of 2nd SBCT "Warrior Brigade" compete in a tug-of-war during the 2008 Tropic Lightning Challenge. This year, 25th ID brigades will be present for the first time in more than a decade, as none are currently deployed. (Photos courtesy 25th Infantry Division Public Affairs)

Tropic Lightning celebrates history, birthday, next week

Story and photos by
25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
Public Affairs Office

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Oct. 1, 1941 ... to some it is only a date of the past.

To those who have served within the 25th Infantry Division, it is the start of the division’s history.

The division is scheduled to celebrate its 77th birthday next week with Tropic Lightning Week (TLW), an annual three-day event filled with unit competitions to enhance esprit de corps, comprised with a variety of combat skill and physical fitness events, Oct. 1-3.

The celebration begins with thousands of Tropic Lightning Soldiers lined up in formation on Weyand Field to kick off a week of festivities with a division run, Tuesday morning.

TLW is scheduled to have competitions in sports, marksmanship, combat fitness,

Makahiki, combatives and “Lightning Elite” events. The competitions will be score-based to determine which brigade wins the Commanders Cup on the final day, the Tropic Lightning birthday celebration.

The 2013 celebration will be the first time in the past 10 years that all three brigades will be present for TLW. Previously units were deployed during this time.

Keeping Score

TLW events will take place at areas in and around Schofield Barracks and Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Follow the 25th ID Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/25thid> for event updates, and the 25th ID website at www.25idl.army.mil/ to get real-time competition stats during TLW.



Battalion commanders with 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID, accept their trophies after TLW 2010. TLW 2013 will be the biggest 25th ID gathering in 10 years.

Malaysian, U.S. forces open Keris Strike 13 with ceremony

Story and photos by
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LAPANGAN TERBAND CAMP, Malaysia — Members of the U.S. and Malaysian armies gathered together to begin Exercise Keris Strike 13 with a ceremony at Sungai Petani, Kedah, Sept. 17.

Keris Strike is an annual U.S. Army-Pacific sponsored Theater Security Cooperation Program exercise conducted with the Malaysian Armed Forces.

This year marks the 17th time the two countries have partnered for this exercise. The main purpose of Keris Strike is to strengthen the military-to-military ties between the U.S. and Malaysian armed forces while conducting Peace Support Operations and Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief, as well as medical first re-

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sponder and counter-improvised explosive device training.

Supported by the 9th Mission Support Command, Pacific Army Reserve and the 56th Theater Intelligence Operations Group of the Washington Army National Guard, 25th Infantry Division and its 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team are taking the U.S. forces lead for the exercise.

As host of the opening ceremony, Maj. Gen.

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Staff Sgt. Muhamad Ridzwan (left) of the Malaysian Jungle Warfare Wing Training Center watches Master Sgt. Alex Garcia, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, make fire using only a metal blade, a rock and dried plants during the Survival Village demonstrations segment of Exercise Keris Strike 13, Sept. 19.



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Police Call

Help sought to identify thieves

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The community is asked to assist in identifying petty thieves and reducing local larcenies.

Concerned residents can assist law enforcement by participating in Island Palm Communities' Neighborhood Watch Program.

Volunteers attend a crime prevention class, taught by Military Police, covering topics such as suspect description, reporting suspicious activity, home security/safety tips and what to look for during neighborhood security walks.

Community residents are reminded to practice rigorous safety habits with regards to homes, vehicles and personal items:

- At the gym, be sure to secure your valuables in a storage locker, instead of leaving them out on the bleachers.
- Don't leave high-value items unattended in a public area.

- Always lock your vehicle(s), even when it is parked at your residence, and especially overnight.
- Do not leave wallets, electronics, GPS systems and phones in your car while it is unattended.
- Always lock your house doors before going to sleep at night and when you depart.

Following good physical security habits will help reduce the number of targets and deter criminals from continuing to target our garrison communities.

The following are excerpts of actual MP blotter entries from the U. S. Army Garrison-Hawaii area of operations. Subjects are innocent until proven guilty.

Larceny of Private Property
•Aug. 13, the Fort Shafter Police



Jackson

Desk was notified of larceny that occurred the day prior at the 6th Floor General Surgery Wing of Tripler Army Medical Center.

Investigation by patrols revealed an unknown suspect removed one Bose Bluetooth speaker that was left unsecured and unattended. There were no signs of forced entry and no witnesses or subjects could be identified.

The estimated cost of loss is \$300. The case continues to be investigated by MPI.

- Aug. 22, a larceny occurred at the basketball court in Aliamanu Physical Fitness Center.

Investigation by patrols revealed an unknown suspect removed one cell phone that was left unsecured and unattended. Military Police Investigations (MPI) reviewed the closed circuit television recording and identified some possible leads, but the case remains open.

Estimated cost of loss is \$600.

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FTSTEPS in FAITH

Soldiers build their own legacies

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"We're going to the field." Those are words we haven't heard much in the last 10 to 12 years, and that phrase brings all sorts of thoughts and feelings to Soldiers and families.

Besides our daily routine in the Army, it reminds us that we are in a profession that, at its core, is about closing with, and destroying, the enemy. Every unit prepares for battle, and when units go into battle, they leave legacies.

Every Soldier who has deployed, especially during the height of the surge in Iraq, has a story about the legacy he or she created. We have



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streamers hanging from our unit guidons that tell the story of our unit's legacy.

Whether we like it or not, we are all building our own personal legacy. We make choices each and every day that contribute to, or detract from, a positive and honorable legacy. Some families have an aunt or uncle that everyone in the family respects. And then, we have that aunt or uncle that we don't want to talk about.

What kind of a legacy are you building in your life? Even if you are not married, you are building your legacy now. The choices you make each day affect patterns in your life that can and will become habits.

What habits have formed in your life? Ask yourself that question. Would you want to tell your mother, grandmother or children about your habits? If not, re-evaluate why you allow that habit, or habits, to have so much control over your life.

When you are intentional about creating a positive legacy, you will make value-based, not emotional-

based choices. When you are intentional about creating a positive legacy, you will look at the long-term effects and not the short-term satisfactions. When you are intentional about building a positive legacy, you experience less turbulence and uncertainty. Your marriage is stronger, your children seek your affirmation and approval, and your dog wags his tail when you pet him.

It's easy to get caught up in our careers in the Army. It's easy to get caught up in our own personal passions. It's easy to get caught up in "I." Everything in our culture reinforces the first person pronoun: "I."

However, if you want true personal satisfaction, invest in your faith, invest in your family and invest in others. When you take yourself off the top of the list, you will be able to build a positive legacy. You will make a difference that is bigger than you. You will be pleased with the life you live and the legacy you will one day leave behind.

What legacy do you want to build?

BACKTObASICS

Basics sets an environment for success

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I believe the term "Back to Basics" is an overdue concept.

As a first sergeant in a Warrior Transition Battalion (WTB), I ensure that assigned cadre and Soldiers practice basic leadership in transition.

It's perceived that Soldiers in transition are noncompliant due to their injuries/illnesses or they're exempt from compliance to Army protocols, but these beliefs are incorrect.

I ensure the environment is set from the beginning. Strong, solid and fair leadership is what's presented to newly assigned personnel, both officer and enlisted. I believe once a Soldier appears in a new environment, he or she will adapt accordingly to that new environment.

If that environment displays weakness, such as biased leadership practices, incompetence, Army policy violations, favoritism, racism or sexism (just to name a few), then the Soldier will expect poor leadership. The new

Soldier may then become an advocate and contributor in supporting toxic leadership.

Back to basics practices involve those protocols we've somehow forgotten about as an Army. What used to be common practices, such as these:

- Assuming the correct position while addressing seniority;
- Paying attention to detail;
- Near-term training schedules;
- Tasks, conditions and standards for all training exercises;
- Uniform inspections; and
- The earning of three or four day passes for performance above and beyond, versus putting in for a pass because you want one.

Earning a pass is no longer required in today's Army, but is desperately needed in order to return to the high-



Hairston III

caliber Army of yesterday. While today's noncommissioned officers are far more technologically advanced and better educated, the caliber of today's average NCOs is no match from those of the Vietnam- and Grenad- era NCOs.

Unfortunately, today's NCOs have a different set of values and beliefs. Basic leadership (referring to back to basics) is not instilled within today's Soldiers as it used to be. This reason is why I make it mandatory in every unit I'm assigned to that we show what right looks like in accordance with the regulations.

Routine in-ranks inspections, training in accordance with appropriate doctrine and having the doctrine on-hand, sensing sessions, proper uniform enforcements, and the list goes on, is what, back to basics means to me. These are just a few of the things we do at the WTB in support of going back to the basics.

While I can't go on naming everything that applies, I'm hoping the intent of this message is perceived correctly and with a professional attitude.

Q:

Why does the Hawaii Army Weekly publish courts-martial findings?

A:

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate releases the results of recent courts-martial for publication to inform the community of military justice trends and to deter future misconduct by Soldiers.

SJA posts courts-martial results

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate publishes the results of the following recent courts-martial:

25th Infantry Division
•A specialist from Company A, 225th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, was found guilty of one specification of Article 107, false official statement, and one specification of Article 120, sexual assault. The specialist was sentenced to reduction to private (E-1), confinement for 16 months and a bad conduct discharge.
•A specialist from Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regiment, 2nd SBCT, was found guilty of two specifications of Article 90, disobeying a commissioned officer, and two specifications of Article 128, assault of a child under 16 years. The specialist was sentenced to reduction to private (E-1), confinement for two years and a bad conduct discharge.
•A private (E-2) from HHC, 1st Bn., 27th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, was found guilty of one specification of Article 119, involuntary manslaughter; two specifications of Article 134, conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline; four specifications of Article 92, failure to obey regulation; and three specifications of Article 112a, wrongful use, possession and manufacture of marijuana.

8th Theater Sustainment Command
•A sergeant first class from HHC, 322nd Civil Affairs Bde., Fort Shafter, was found guilty of two specifications of Article 107, false official statement, for submitting a false NCOER and body fat content worksheet. She was sentenced to reduction to the grade of sergeant and hard labor for 45 days.
•A staff sergeant from U.S. Pacific Command pled guilty to two specifications of Article 120, aggravated sexual assault of a child under 16 years of age and abusive sexual contact of a child under 16 years of age. The staff sergeant was sentenced to reduction to the grade of private (E-1), confinement for five years and a bad conduct discharge. If the commanding general approves the findings, the Soldier will be required to register as a sex offender.
•A sergeant from 540th Quartermaster Co., 524th Combat Sust. Support Bn., was found guilty of one specification of Article 120, aggravated sexual assault; three specifications of Article 90, willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer for violations of a no-contact order with the victim; and one specification of Article 134, adultery. The sergeant was sentenced to be reduced to private (E-1), confinement for seven years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge. If the commanding general approves the findings, the Soldier will be required to register as a sex offender.
•A specialist from 82nd Engineer Co., 65th Eng. Bn. (Combat Effects), 130th Eng. Bde., was found guilty of one specification of Article 134, communicating a threat; one specification of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regula-

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Getting it Straight

In the Sept. 20 issue of the "Hawaii Army Weekly," the caption (p. A-1, bottom right) to a photo of a Chinese navy Harbin Z-9 helicopter participating in a joint rescue exercise with U.S. forces should've read "...during a joint at-sea search and rescue exercise with 25th CAB UH-60 Black Hawks."

Voices of Ohana

Gold Star Mother's Day is Sept. 29.

"Why is it important to honor Gold Star mothers and their sons/daughters?"

Photos by 9th Mission Support Command Public Affairs



"It keeps the memory of the Soldier alive and shows the family that the military has not forgotten their child."

Sgt. 1st Class Deandra Dotson
Senior HR sergeant, 1984th U.S. Army Hospital



"It's important so that we constantly remember them."

Capt. Wrencla Lopez
Brigade S1, 303rd MEB, 9th MSC



"Because they gave the greatest sacrifice of all."

Chief Warrant Officer Terri Purcell
Defense coordinating office, 9th MSC



"Because they sacrificed so much for their children and, ultimately, all of us."

Michele Shumate
Detachment Oahu unit administrator, USAR Theater Support Group-Pacific



"It's important because they gave life to the Soldiers."

Sheryl Tajas
Military pay technician, USAR Theater Support Group-Pacific

Army energy & environment expert Hammack promotes clean initiatives at Honolulu summit

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HONOLULU — “The Army is very committed to clean energy initiatives” was the key message the Hon. Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, emphasized during her keynote speech at the Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Expo held Sept. 9.

“We (U.S. Army) are the largest facility energy consumer in the federal government with an energy bill of \$1.25 billion in fiscal year 2012,” said Hammack to the audience that included a couple hundred members of the Asia-Pacific Clean Energy community.

Although the cost of supplying energy to the force is a major concern to the Army, having energy security is also important.

“The Army is very interested in renewable energy, and it’s about energy security. Having energy security means having assured access to reliable energy supply, and the ability to protect and deliver sufficient energy to meet mission essential requirements,” Hammack said.

A renewable energy contract capacity of \$7 billion was created by the Army and covers four renewable energy technologies: geothermal, wind, biomass and solar.

“An Energy Initiative Task Force (EITF) was set up in 2011 to serve as a central management office for cost effective, large scale renewable energy projects leveraging private sector capital,” Hammack said. “The Army’s goal is to generate one gigawatt or a thousand megawatts of renewable energy on Army installations by 2025.”

The EITF has seven projects that are entering the contract process, and they represent more than 175 megawatts of power, which is almost 20 percent of the Army’s goal.

In Hawaii, the EITF is working with the Hawaii Electric Company to build a 52 megawatt Biodiesel Power Plant at Schofield Barracks. This project will increase energy security and grid



Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army for installations, energy and environment, delivers her keynote address at the 2013 Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Expo, Sept. 9. Hammack spoke about the Army’s goal of developing and executing a balanced portfolio of clean energy projects to meet future Army energy needs.

resiliency both for the Army and the island of Oahu.

“The biodiesel, a fuel source that can be produced on the island, energy plant will be built at Schofield Barracks which is on higher elevation than all the other energy plants on the island of Oahu,” said Hammack.

The Army currently has three energy projects in Hawaii; one has the capability to produce enough energy to power four electric cars and enable three separate buildings to operate independently of the power grid for up to 72 hours.

“In 2011, the Army unveiled its first ever smart-charging micro grid on Wheeler Army Airfield. The system has solar and battery storage, plug-in electric vehicles and back-up generation; all of which are on a separate and secure micro grid,” said Hammack.

In the solar energy arena, Hawaii is leading the way with the largest residential solar energy project in the Army.

“We just signed a contract that will double the solar energy project in our

Army family housing areas, and will increase our solar generation on this island to more than 13 megawatts of electricity,” Hammack added.

The third Hawaii energy project is the Smart Powered Infrastructure for Energy Reliability and Security (SPIDERS), which is a joint military services project that will demonstrate energy-secure micro grids that integrate renewable energy.

“The two SPIDERS systems in Hawaii build on the micro grid system,” stated Hammack. “We are exploring the electric vehicle-to-grid storage concept. These hybrids, all electric vehicles, have battery storage that can be connected to the grid and can charge from or discharge into the grid, depending on the needs of the grid.”

The Department of Defense faces multiple threats and nontraditional challenges that can jeopardize our future security. Energy surety and security are a key part of our strategy of ensuring we have resiliency throughout the Army, and clean energy technology is key to that strategy.

Odierno interacts at virtual town hall

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WASHINGTON — Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno held his first virtual town hall, where he fielded questions on a range of topics, including the budget, mental health counseling and readiness.

As Congress warns of a possible closure of the federal government, Odierno told the forum, Tuesday, that a complete government shutdown could delay payments to Soldiers and Army civilians.

“Soldiers will be required to work and will be paid, but it could be delayed depending on Congress’ decision,” he wrote.

Odierno held the town hall through his Facebook page, and received more than 200 questions and comments during the hourlong event. He continued to reply to questions after the event concluded.

If full sequestration is implemented, there’s is a “good chance” that the end strength of the active duty Army could drop as low as 420,000. During the height of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the active duty Army had as many as 570,000 Soldiers.

“We have to take a balanced approach, which allows us to ensure that we sustain the right end-strength with the right amount of readiness, (while) still being able to invest in future modernization of the force,” he said.

Programs that strengthen families and Soldiers are critical to the

force, Odierno said.

“We consider family programs and family readiness for our Soldiers to be our highest priority,” he said.

The Army is reviewing family programs to ensure they are efficient and effective, Odierno said. Local commanders will have the flexibility to adjust programs to meet the specific needs of their installation or unit.

“We remain committed to our families’ and Soldiers’ quality of life and are dedicated to building and sustaining resilience of every Soldier and family member,” he said.

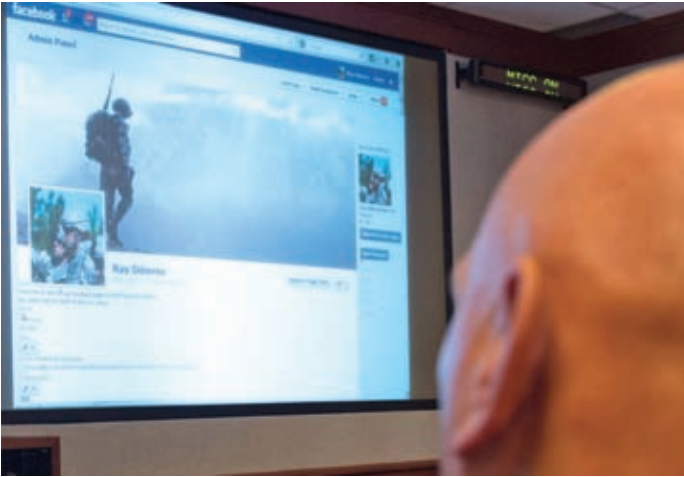
Over the next several years, Odierno said, the Army will begin to reduce its size.

“We must never forget that we must constantly be able to take care of our Soldiers and families as we do this,” he said. “We’ll reinvest in our readiness, and we’ll continue key programs that allow us to sustain a modernized Army.”

He stressed that mental health counseling is critical for those who need it.

“This is a very difficult issue. We want to have a policy that encourages everyone to come forward to seek assistance. We are going to work this with all those involved,” he responded to a question about what he’d do to make sure Soldiers are not scared off from seeking mental health assistance.

(Editor’s note: read the full story at www.HawaiiArmyWeekly.com.)



Gen. Ray Odierno, Army chief of staff, takes part in a one-hour virtual town hall from the Pentagon, here, Tuesday, during which he fielded questions on a range of topics, including the budget, mental health counseling and readiness. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Teddy Wade)

Malaysian C-IED teams build skills at Keris Strike 13

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LAPANGAN TERBAND CAMP, Malaysia — U.S. Army-Pacific and the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) completed phase III of a four-phase Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) training program, a joint operation as part of Keris Strike 13, Sept. 27. This year’s training validated the Royal Engineer Regiment, 2nd Divi-



A Malaysian NCO creates a representation of an area that may contain components of an IED during counter-IED training at Keris Strike 13.

sion C-IED teams for training and assisted them on their first course as they trained more than 120 combat engineers on C-IED operations.

Keris Strike is a USARPAC and MAF bilateral Theater Security Cooperation Program. Through participation in this exercise, the two countries strengthen their capabilities in military-to-military cooperation while focusing on international Peace Support Operations.

MAF currently conducts multiple peacekeeping missions in Lebanon and operations in Afghanistan. With missions like these, the MAF believed it was necessary to have its own C-IED Mobile Training Team to train Soldiers on the imposing threats they may encounter.

“Based on the global threat of terrorism and the security of our own nation, we need to keep a constant training regiment on C-IED operations,” said Maj. MD Lani Surihan, 8th Squadron, Royal Eng. Regt., 3rd Div.

“The Malaysian army has taken the instruction very well,” said Staff Sgt. Christopher Kidd, a trainer for Asia-Pacific Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Fusion Center based at Fort Shafter. “It has been almost a year since we taught them the material needed to train their troops, and after speaking with them, you can tell they have continued to learn since we have been gone.”

The MAF C-IED training team taught vehicle and area searches, dismounted operations in an IED environment, the components and make up of many IEDs, and how to recognize common tactics used by insurgents.

Having a completely trained C-IED team gives the MAF a tool that not only allows them to train more engineers within their regiment on C-IED operations, but also allows them to train other members of the MAF on IED awareness for deployments to peacekeeping missions around the globe.

“The level of support we have received shows that they are truly all in on this training and that they are looking forward to a long-term sustainment plan with the U.S.,” said Michael Thomas, Asia-Pacific exercise plans leader for the C-IED Fusion Center.

With permanent MAF C-IED instructors in place, next year’s exercise will complete the training program and will be more of a refresher course for the MAF instructors as the USARPAC and MAF C-IED teams meet to not only conduct training, but also to update the training doctrine and come together to talk about the changes of the C-IED mission.

“Although we have our own team now, we want to continue our partnership program to add more training and gain knowledge from the U.S. experiences during their deployments,” Surihan said.



A Malaysian soldier uses a minesweeper to search for an IED during counter-IED training. Those trained can train other members of the MAF for future deployments in peacekeeping missions.



Sgt. 1st Class Taurin Mosby (right), 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, shows his Malaysian students how to properly dress chest and back wounds during the medical first responder course of exercise Keris Strike 13, Sept. 20.

Keris: U.S. refocuses on Pacific

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Dato Mohd Shukuri bin Ahmad, commander, Malaysian army 2nd Inf. Div., welcomed Brig. Gen. Pete Johnson, deputy commander, 25th ID operations, and Col. Thomas Mackey, commander, 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, and U.S. deputy co-director for the exercise.

“This exercise is the manifestation and expression of our intimate military ties and cooperation,” said Shukuri during his opening remarks. “It is also an avenue to further strengthen the existing relationship between the troops from the United States Army and the Malaysian Army Field Command that we have enjoyed over these years.”

This year is the first time in more

than 10 years that U.S. active duty Soldiers have had a major role in Keris Strike. Because of the end of operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn and the drawing down of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, U.S. forces in the Pacific are able to refocus and bring an active duty perspective to the event.

“It is very important for our Army to understand the Pacific area, in particular the very strategic area that Malaysia sits in,” said Johnson. “So, we come here with open thoughts about learning what we can about the setting, the populations, the people, the culture, the history ... and understand that, should we be called to come together with the Malaysian army, we could operate together very effectively.”

Maintenance troops partner with garrison DPW

325TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION
3rd Brigade Combat Team
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — A partnership program between the 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Bde. Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, and U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii’s Directorate of Public Works, here, is helping Soldiers.

The program is designed to allow the brigade maintenance Soldiers to employ their military occupational skills on civilian equipment.

The Soldiers’ main responsibilities are for generators and air conditioning equipment at garrison installations on Oahu. This program gives Soldiers essential maintenance knowledge that they will require outside the military and will help them be more competitive in the civilian workforce.

Previously, Soldiers rarely saw or

received training on how to maintain industrial equipment on a daily basis.

The journey was started in late summer by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Luis Orozco, Company B, in order to get his personnel a foot in the door on equipment that has been seen downrange and on humanitarian missions.

“The goal for this program is to get Soldiers in a complete maintenance concept, in order to fix all equipment, regardless of it being military or civilian,” said Orozco.

While deployed, there were numerous pieces of civilian equipment to be worked on, but Orozco didn’t have any Soldiers trained to work on the equipment. It had to be fixed by other agencies.

“Not being able to fix a piece of equipment is a no-go, and I saw a need for maintainers, besides logistics assistance representatives, since they

can be hard to utilize due to the fact that they were always employed elsewhere,” said Orozco.

Having maintenance Soldiers trained on civilian equipment gives an organization a quicker turnaround.

“I’m hoping that this program will open up to other units that are in need of this type of training,” said Orozco. “The program is there to get the maintainers a better understanding of all types of equipment, so if the time comes, the Soldier can work on a civilian piece of equipment.”

Brigade Soldiers have worked on 10 kilowatt to 2,000 kilowatt generators, located at different locations: Fort Shafter, Tripler Army Medical Center, East Range and Helemano Military Reservation.

“Thanks to this program, a Soldier will be able to apply his newly found knowledge on maintenance with no or little help from our civilian counterparts,” said Orozco.



A Soldier assigned to 325th BSB, 3rd BCT, 25th ID, fixes a civilian generator as part of a partnership program with DPW. The program was designed to give soldiers training on civilian generators and air conditioners. (Photo by Sgt. Jeffery Russell, 325th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division)

DEPLOYED FORCES

A record convoy rolls from Afghanistan to Amsterdam

CAPT. JERRY GARNER
524th Combat Sustainment
Support Battalion
45th Sustainment Brigade
8th Theater Sustainment Command

FORWARD OPERATING BASE KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — When 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade, assumed its sustainment and retrograde mission in Regional Command-North (RC-N), July 2, it became evident that the battalion would be supporting more than just the U.S. military forces.

A small battalion of Royal Netherlands marines, assigned to the German side of Forward Operating Base Kunduz, were assisted by 524th CSSB approximately 350 kilometers (218 miles) from Camp Marmal.

Before deployment, 524th CSSB’s predecessors struck an agreement with the Dutch marines to help retrograde Dutch equipment to Camp Marmal for an August deadline. After the pre-



CAMP MARMAL, Afghanistan — A convoy of 58 vehicles more than 5 miles long rolls to assist Royal Netherlands marines. (Photo courtesy 524th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 45th Sust. Brigade. 8th Theater Sust. Command)

vious CSSB redeployed, 524th CSSB had one month to plan, synchronize and execute this massive undertaking on top of supporting all U.S. equipment movement in RC-N.

The 524th CSSB support operations transportation shop and operations battle desk planned, and through

much coalition coordination, oversaw execution of four Dutch operations.

The last retrograde operation served as a capstone and a marked achievement for the 1245th Transportation Company, Oklahoma National Guard. It employed almost every vehicle and Soldier to meet the requirement.

The Dutch planned to take redeployment leave on the Mediterranean island of Crete en route to the Netherlands, and with just seven days remaining, the largest convoy conducted by 1245th TC during its tour was underway. This last movement of Dutch equipment and personnel included 15

gun trucks and 45 marine drivers, gunners and passengers.

The marines were not authorized to conduct convoy operations without U.S. or German aide. When they occupied Kunduz, they flew in all of their equipment and cargo, and only conducted convoy operations within a few miles of Kunduz.

Two days prior to movement, 1245th TC leaders flew to Kunduz to incorporate the Dutch crews and teach standard convoy operating procedures and battle drills. The 524th CSSB support operations transportation officer flew to the U.S. side of Kunduz to prep the 1245th TC staging area for 30 host nation trucks, 18 palletized cargo loads and the Dutch gun trucks for escort.

The convoy stretched more than five miles of 58 vehicles, and hauled back 62 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of Dutch cargo, twice as much cargo and twice the number of trucks as any 1245th TC convoy to date.

Cambodian delegation visits TL Academy

Story and photo by
SGT. DANIEL JOHNSON
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Infantry Division

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Soldiers from the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces visited the 25th Infantry Division and 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team the week of Sept. 20 to learn more about the Noncommissioned Officer Corps and training opportunities available with the division.

The delegation, hosted by 1st Battalion, 27th Inf. Regiment, during its visit, stayed in the barracks with Tropic Lightning Soldiers and shared meals in the Warrior Inn.

The Cambodian soldiers received tours and training on everything, from the motor pool to the Expert Infantryman Badge and modern army combatives.

One of the key visits was to the division’s Lightning Academy, which offers combined training programs for soldiers of foreign militaries to help strengthen defense capabilities with our regionally aligned Pacific partners.

“These tours are very important, as it gives leadership a chance to understand what the Lightning Academy can offer to them as the academy positions itself as the premier training hub of the Pacific,” said 1st Lt. Ken Woods, an officer in charge at the Lightning Academy.

“The combined training available here at the academy is important to our strategic partnerships because it not only strengthens our relationships, but helps ensure our allies can take this training back and better prepare their soldiers for future contingency missions in the Pacific,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Kirk, a platoon sergeant with the Lightning Academy.

“Our primary role is to train our Soldiers and develop tactical leadership skills, but our secondary role is to strengthen the bonds we have with our Pacific partners,” said Woods.

Partnered nations benefit when they train at the academy, and they also share their own training with U.S. Soldiers.



Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Kirk (second from left), platoon sergeant with Tropic Lightning Academy, gives members of the Royal Cambodian military delegation a tour of the facilities, Sept. 18. The Lightning Academy is positioned to be the premier training hub of the Pacific for all branches of the U.S. military and Pacific-partnered nations.

“There is a definite exchange of information,” said Woods. “The training we conduct is very symbiotic. We learn a lot of different things from allied soldiers when they come to train with us, not only tactics and techniques, but also cultural lessons.”

“There is training going on here everyday, and that allows for a lot of opportunities for our regionally aligned partners to come here and train with us,” said Kirk. “That allows us to learn about each others’ cultures and develop relationships that will aid us in future contingency missions across the Pacific.”

One of the primary goals when training foreign nations is to show the capabilities of the backbone of the Army, the NCO Corps.

“The first thing the delegation took a look at was the terrain model being used by a pre-Ranger class, showing them how the NCO Corps, specif-

ically a squad leader, takes on the responsibility of planning and executing missions or patrols,” said Kirk.

“Some of our partners have relatively new or no NCO Corps. We try to show off the strengths of a strong NCO Corps when we can. One of the biggest strengths of the Corps is adaptability; we can plan and execute patrol missions without direct officer supervision (which) makes for an extremely agile force.”

The academy is available to all military units on Oahu and abroad. Joint and combined training is encouraged in its strong course offerings.

As the academy positions itself as the training hub of the Pacific, it will continue to expand and increase the scope of training available to U.S. and partnered militaries with jungle warfare and counter-improvised explosive device courses already scheduled to be implemented.

DES: Theft the focus of MPs

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Larceny of Private Funds, Larceny of Private Property and Unlawful Entry

•Aug. 16, the Schofield Barracks Police Desk was notified of an unlawful entry and larceny that occurred around 4:30 a.m., Aug. 10, in the Mendonca Park Housing Area.

Investigation by patrols revealed that an unknown suspect unlawfully entered the victim’s four-door sedan and removed one wallet and one purse containing \$400, a \$200 gift card and 11 credit cards. The vehicle was parked unsecured and unattended in the driveway; there were no signs of forced entry.

The cost of loss is \$665. Investigation continues by MPI.

Larceny of Private Funds, Larceny of Private Property and Burglary of a Family Dwelling

•Aug. 24, a burglary and larceny occurred in the Solomon housing area between midnight and 6 a.m.

An investigation revealed an unknown subject entered the victim’s residence and removed one wallet containing \$600 cash and one key ring with the victim’s house keys, vehicle key and mail box key, while the home was unsecured and attended.

Investigation continues by MPI.

Neighborhood Watch Program

For more information on the NWP, contact your local Military Police Station and ask to speak with the bike patrol section. Email NWP@IPCHawaii.com.

SJA: Recent courts-martial results posted, federal convictions explained

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tion; one specification of Article 120b, lewd act with a child; and one specification of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery upon a child under 16 years of age. The specialist was sentenced to be reduced to private (E-1), confinement for six months and a bad conduct discharge.

If the commanding general approves the findings, the Soldier will be required to register as a sex offender.

•A specialist from 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., (CE), 130th Eng. Bde., was found guilty of two specifications of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery and assault consummated by a battery upon a child under 16 years of age.

The specialist was sentenced to be reduced to private (E-1) and to confinement for 15 months.

•A private (E-2) from HHB, 94th Army Air and Missile Defense Command, was found guilty of one specification of Article 128, assault consummated by a battery, and one specification of Article 134, child endangerment. The private was sentenced to confinement for 12 months and to

a bad conduct discharge.

Federal Convictions

In addition to forfeiture of pay (either adjudged or by operation of law), confinement and/or a punitive discharge, these Soldiers will also have a federal conviction that they must report when filling out a job application. A federal conviction strips them of many rights, like voting.



SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Maj. Gen. James Walton, commander, 311th SC (T), leads the regimental run, Sept. 20, as part of Signal Corps Regimental Week, celebrating the 153rd birthday of the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

Signal Corps celebrates 153 years

Story and photo by
LIANA KIM

311th Signal Command (Theater)

FORT SHAFTER — Signalers and civilian partners from around Oahu came together for Signal Regimental Week to share best practices and commemorate the 153rd birthday of the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps.

The event that brought more than 800 signaleers together for a weeklong celebration of the Signal Corps was hosted by Maj. Gen. James Walton, commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Travis Cherry, senior enlisted leader, both of 311th Signal Command (Theater).

Senior enlisted leaders and commissioned officers collaborated and shared best practices during two intense days of professional development seminars and a senior communicator’s forum.

Forum topics and discussions included LandWarNet 2020, Army Baseline Services and unified capabilities.

Maj. Gen. LaWarren Patterson, commander, Signal Center of Excellence, discussed his top priorities and way ahead for the Signal Corps, during his regimental address, which was delivered via video teleconference.

“As our nation’s defense focus shifts to the Pacific, it will be the 311th that will provide the example of communications readiness for the rest of the Army,” said Patterson.

The annual traditions of the Signal Corps Regimental Association golf scramble at Mamala Bay Golf Course and the Signal Regimental run on Schofield Barracks received overwhelming participation. Also, for the first time, a Zumba class was offered for civilians, non-runners and family members.

311th also welcomed the Signal branch team from Human Resources Command, a Signal week first. This team provided a detailed update brief, conducted a question and answer session and held one-on-one counseling with Signal personnel to help facilitate career progression and professional growth.

“Our engagement with the 311th Signal Command and signaleers throughout Hawaii was beneficial to the Soldiers and our Army,” said Sgt. Maj. Gilbert Sutton, Enlisted Signal Branch,

Operations Support Division, senior enlisted leader. “As we continue with the drawdown of the Army, our top priority is ensuring that we are providing support to the Soldiers in the field to help them remain fully qualified for continued service in our Army.”

Another new addition to the Signal Week calendar was the motorcycle safety ride around the island.

Chaplain (Maj.) Carron Jones, 516th Sig. Brigade hosted a prayer breakfast at the Nehelani, Schofield Barracks, with Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan McGraw, 311th SC, as guest speaker.

“Sometimes life brings us unexpected challenges,” McGraw said. “Just like a wave, we either ride it out to safety or are crushed by it.”

The week culminated Sept. 20 with a regimental ball at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

For spouses who needed a gown but couldn’t afford one, there was a free option, thanks to Beverly Kavalawski, an information technology specialist for the 30th Sig. Battalion, who facilitated the donation of numerous gowns from several local businesses and gave them to the unit’s family readiness group.

Kavalawski also helped make more than 900 floral arrangements and favors for the tables at the ball, which saved the command thousands of dollars.

“It makes everyone happy, and contributes to a very important event for the Signal Corps, and I’m honored to be a part of it,” said Kavalawski. “It’s just being part of a family, and I’ve been with the 30th since 1981, so it really feels like a family to me.”

The ball included many events, from the posting of the colors to a performance by the University of Hawaii Dance Troupe, and a regimental cake cutting ceremony, culminating with an address by keynote speaker Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander, U.S. Army-Pacific, and a presentation of awards.

The official portion of the evening came to a conclusion with a presentation of the Signal Corps Regimental Awards and retiring of the colors, ending the long and eventful week with dancing.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii — Expert fiscal oversight and proactive command initiatives, particularly during austere funding times, are recognized by naming Lori Horner (center), assistant executive officer, U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa, Employee of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2013. Recognizing Horner are Command Sgt. Maj. Jonathan Lutgens (left) and Lt. Col. Eric Shwedo, PTA command team.

“Lori has been an exemplary employee here at PTA,” said Shwedo. “She has not only been a tremendous asset in fiscal areas, she has taken on numerous additional duties. She has been the ‘go to’ person on the base for quite a while.”

“Lori Horner was an easy choice for Employee of the Quarter,” said Louis Roach, deputy garrison commander. “Horner ensured the accuracy of critical audit and fiscal reporting programs at PTA.”



Hawaii’s hurricane season lasts from the beginning of June until the end of November

NEWS Briefs



Send announcements for Soldiers and civilian employees to news@hawaii.armyweekly.com.

Today

Job Fair — The Schofield Barracks Army Career & Alumni Program hosts a job fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Soldier Support Center Lanai (Building 750). For details and a list of companies attending, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/acap/default.htm.

[mil/acap/default.htm](http://www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/acap/default.htm).

October 1 / Tuesday

CA/MISO Recruiting — Interested in Civil Affairs or Military Information Support Operations (formerly known as PSY-OP)? Attend an unclassified briefing at noon on the mission, make-up and requirements of the Army Special Operations Force (ARSOF) assessment and selection and qualification courses.

Information pertaining to stationing and areas of operations for each ARSOF entity will be provided. The primary focus of the brief is to identify qualified candidates to attend the assessment and selection course, enabling them to be successful

during the qualification course. Critically, all candidates currently processing for any future ARSOF course are also provided a Future Special Operations Soldier Training Program (FSSTP) with its physical training program. Call Special Operations Recruiting at 655-4397.

ACA Notification

— The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires that each employee be notified by Oct. 1 of his option to elect health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Beginning Jan. 1, all individuals are required to maintain minimum essential health coverage or pay a penalty on his or her federal income tax return, unless approved for an exemption.

Read the required employee notification that provides infor-

mation on the Health Insurance Marketplace and links to other helpful information regarding the requirements under the ACA at www.HawaiiArmyWeekly.com.

2 / Wednesday

Special Forces — Unclassified briefings for Soldiers interested in joining Special Forces take place at noon and 3:30 p.m. Call Special Operations Recruiting at 655-4397 or visit Building 690, Room 3G, Schofield Barracks.

4 / Friday

AFCEA Anniversary — The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association celebrates its 60th anniversary, 5:30 p.m., at Honolulu Elks Lodge 616, 2933 Kalakaua Ave., Honolulu.

Attendance is free for AFCEA members plus one guest; additional guests cost \$35, the price of a one-year membership. To register, call 356-6406 or visit <http://afcea-hawaii.org>.

5 / Saturday

Power Outages for WAAF — Testing of the micro grid on Wheeler Army Airfield will result in intermittent electrical power outages for Buildings 104, 105, 106 and 112, Oct. 5-6, 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 656-3294.

11 / Friday

AER — The migration of Samaritan data to netFORUM begins at 7 a.m. All access to the current Samaritan system will be terminated. AER sections will not be able to process assistance cases during the migration window through Oct. 14.


During this window, all AER requests for assistance are to be referred to the American Red Cross for action at (877) 272-7337. AER services resume Oct. 15. Call 655-0669.

16 / Wednesday

Scheduled Outage — Schofield's high voltage shop scheduled a power outage, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Oct. 16, in order to replace exposed wires within the rooftop of one of its concrete transformer enclosures. For safety purposes, DPW needs to shut down power during the replacement of those parts.

Housing areas affected during the outage are the 400 block of Jeal Road and Baldwin Road, from quarters 417-448. Call 864-1022.

Traffic Report



Traffic Alerts report closed roads, limited routes and construction detours from Army and state advisories received by press time.

For the complete list of traffic advisories, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/traffic-calendar.htm.

Unless otherwise noted, all phone numbers are 808 area code.

Today

5K Fun Run — Trimble Road's southbound lane will be partially closed in support of the Hispanic American Heritage 5K fun run. Drivers on Schofield Barracks should expect delays 5:30-8:30 a.m.

Cones will be placed at the following locations to help prevent traffic from entering onto Trimble southbound lane during the event:

- North side of the Pule'e and Pu'u Kalena intersection;
- North and south sides of Trimble west at the Trimble/Hewitt intersection;
- North side of the Hewitt/Floyd intersection;
- North and south sides of Trimble east at the Trimble/Carpenter intersection;
- North side of the Carpenter/Keana intersection; and
- East side of the Trimble and Keana/Beaver intersection at 5:30 a.m., restricting all eastbound traffic.

Cones will also be placed along the southern portion of eastern Trimble to create a partition for runners, using a segment of the road as well as the sidewalk.

The northern portion of Trimble west will be divided into two lanes with cones, allowing 12 feet of drivable surface for traffic traveling east and west.

October 1 / Tuesday

Division Run — Drivers on Schofield Barracks should expect delays 5:30-8:30 a.m. due to Trimble Road being closed in support of the Tropic Lighting Division 5K.

Traffic control points will be in place at Kolekole Avenue/Humphreys Road; Trimble Road/Humphreys Road; Cadet Sheridan Road/Trimble Road; Beaver Road/ Trimble Road; and at the turnaround point on Trimble.

Traffic Control Points will divert traffic and minimize traffic congestion during the timeframe listed above.

21 / Monday

TAMC Closure —Island Palm Communities' contractor will begin demolishing existing housing units located in the Rainbow Village neighborhood of Tripler Army Medical Center. Following demolition, construc-

tion of new housing units and utility/road infrastructure will commence.

Jarrett White Road, north of Craig Road, will be closed. Additionally, Krukowski Road, north of Fisher House, will be closed.

Ongoing

Freeway Service Patrol — This service is operating on Hawaii's freeways and is sponsored by the State Department of Transportation, the Honolulu Police and Fire departments, and Emergency Medical Services.

The free service provides assistance to stranded motorists by changing flat tires, jump-starting vehicles, refilling radiators, making certain temporary repairs and providing an emergency gallon of gasoline.

The service is available, 5 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, except federal holidays. Call 841-4357.

SIA: Meet set 10/10

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mothers and sisters, and we are here to support one another.”

The flagship USARPAC Sisters in Arms meeting is Oct. 10, 9-11 a.m., at the Aliamanu Military Reservation Chapel. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m., and refreshments will be served prior to the meeting. The presentation will feature an introduction to Sisters in Arms, comments by Brooks and keynote speaker, retired Col. Crissy Gayagas, USARPAC liaison to Army Materiel Command and president of First Canoe Strategies and Consulting, Inc. Following the presentations and guest speakers, there will be an open forum discussion with a question and answer session.

Resource

For more information about Sisters in Arms, visit www.facebook.com/sistersinarms or the USARPAC intranet site at <https://intranet1.usarpac.army.mil/Pages/Default.aspx>.



WHAT NOT TO WEAR



USAG-HI to enforce new guidelines for off-duty attire

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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Fashion abides by a set of rules all its own.

What was in this month may be out the next, and what was passé only a few years ago now is considered the next biggest trend. (High-waisted acid-wash jeans, anyone?)

However, there are some do's and don'ts that never go out of style, and some wardrobe staples that remain a constant fixture in closets, year after year — think a nicely pressed colored shirt and dark-wash bootleg jeans for men, and a little black dress and pointy-toe pumps for women.

Similarly, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii has set forth its own standards of dress that align with Army Values in order to help Soldiers maintain virtue, honor, patriotism and discipline, both in and out of uniform.

"We, as professionals, live the Army Values, and so we should exude them whether we are on or off duty," said Lt. Col. Ken Sanderson, executive officer, USAG-HI.

"It takes discipline to be a professional," Sanderson continued, "and to be a professional, it's a 24/7/365 lifestyle."

While the dress code policy, here, is nothing new — USAG-HI established its own set of regulations more than five years ago — a new crackdown on revealing, offensive and unkempt off-duty attire has gone into effect at several posts on the mainland, including Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia; Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson, Alaska; and Fort Irwin, Calif., where a recent ban on belly shirts, pajamas, ripped jeans, visible underwear and other dress code violations at public facilities has caused a mixed bag of reactions, both positive and negative.

And, according to Sanderson, these guidelines on what to wear, as well as what not to wear, help create an environment of professionalism and sustain an air of mutual respect among Soldiers, their spouses and civilians who work and reside on Army installations.

"Shopping and living on the installations are a privilege, and those privileges have benefits," said Sanderson. "It's about being able to exude respect, honor and professionalism, which is expected of our Army."

"Civilian attire should be a matter of personal pride and reflect our division of Army Values," agreed Maj. Gen. Kurt Fuller, senior commander, USAG-HI, and commander, 25th Infantry Division.

"A neat, well-groomed and professional appearance by Soldiers is imperative, as it contributes to building the pride and esprit de

corps essential to an effective military force," Fuller added.

But, just like in fashion, there always are individuals who like to toe the line of what is and what isn't acceptable.

The most common dress code violations, here, said leadership, include wearing undergarments and pajamas as outerwear, and wearing swimwear and gym clothes while in public facilities, such as the commissary, shop-pette and post exchange (PX).

"We've definitely strayed from common decency and common sense," said Sanderson. "This is not an individual organization; it's a family organization. And you're supposed to be an ambassador for the U.S. government. You're representing the U.S. Department of Defense, you're representing your unit and you're representing yourself."

Sanderson notes that for every USAG-HI installation, commissary, exchange or gas station, there is a dress code, and it is up to those at each location to reinforce the policy.

"Leaders at all levels must create an environment where Soldiers intervene, act and motivate each other to do the right thing," Fuller said. "Soldiers should feel empowered and required to make on-the-spot corrections, as necessary."

"It gets back to personal pride and respect," Sanderson concluded, "and that means respecting yourself, your organization, your government and the benefits you're being provided."

Dress Code Policy

The full U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii dress code policy, USAG-HI 31, "Standards of Dress and Prohibited Attire for Army Installations in Hawaii," is posted on the USAG-HI website, under "Command Policies":

•www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil

DON'T



All photos courtesy Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Combat Camera.

(Photos have been altered from their original form; background elements have been removed.)

Civilian Dress Code

All persons who frequent U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii installations, to include dependents, retirees, civilian employees, contractors and civilian guests, will ensure that their dress and personal appearance are conservative and commensurate with the high standards traditionally associated with the U.S. Army.

DO

The minimum standard of casual civilian dress for normal activities and business in



public areas is as follows:

- For men, a complete coverage short-sleeve shirt, with or without pockets, may be worn, as long as it is designed to be worn as an outer garment.
- For women, a blouse or top that provides conservative coverage is considered appropriate.
- Shorts of conservative length are suitable for casual wear for both men and women.
- Athletic or walking shoes or sandals, with or without socks, are authorized for both men and women, as are thong-type footwear.
- All headgear will be worn appropriately, with the bill to the front of the head. Clothing articles not specifically designed to be worn normally as headgear (bandannas, do-rags, etc.) are prohibited.
- All headgear will be removed indoors.

All clothing should be clean, well maintained and properly fitted, and should be worn to present a neat, orderly appearance (e.g., buttoned, belted or zipped or fastened).

Higher standards of civilian dress may be prescribed for special events and activities.

Failure to meet these standards will result in denied access to that particular service, activity, event or area.

DON'T

The following examples of inappropriate civilian dress are general and are not all-inclusive. Rather, they represent dress and appearance that is considered not to be in keeping with the spirit and intent of these regulations, and therefore not permitted on USAG-HI installations.

- Clothing with printing, insignia or pictures that are sexually or violently offensive, obscene or suggestive in nature; promote illegal activities; depict derogatory social, religious, racial or ethnic messages; or present



an impression contrary to the good order and discipline of the U.S. Army.

- Clothing that fits excessively brief or tight, or excessively baggy or loose.
- Bare feet in public areas, except for designated swimming, sunbathing and recreational areas.
- Bare chest or "shirtless" for men in public areas, except for designated swimming or sunbathing areas or as authorized by area commanders.
- Clothing that is torn, ragged or dirty.
- Clothing and accessories intended to present a paramilitary appearance or to serve as weapons.
- Clothing designed primarily to be worn as nightwear/sleepwear.
- Half-shirts or abbreviated shirts or athletic items designed to be worn as an undergarment (sports bra) are not authorized at any gym facility.

DEPENDS

Exceptions to the standards are as follows:

- Clothing such as tank tops, sleeveless T-shirts and athletic-type shirts and shorts are appropriate only for quarters areas, physical training, sporting activities and recreation type areas.
- Items designed as or resembling swimwear (bikinis, Speedos, bathing suits, etc.) are appropriate for beaches and pools only.
- Spandex gym attire is authorized while conducting physical training, provided that the fit of such attire is not indecent or in poor taste.

Briefs

Today
Hawaiian Luau Lunch Buffet — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) host local-style food, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., every last Friday of the month, for \$14.95.

USARPAC Golf Scramble — Every last Friday of the month. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Registration is \$5 per player. Call 438-6923.

28 / Saturday
Tropics Car Show — Show off your sweet ride at the Drags n’ Drifts Car & Bike Show, noon, Tropics Warrior Zone.

Preregistration for bikes costs \$10, cars and trucks \$15, at himwr.com. Registration the day of the event for bikes costs \$15, cars and trucks \$20. Open to ID cardholders and their guests. Call 655-5698.

29 / Sunday
NFL Sundays — SB Tropics Warrior Zone offers all the NFL games. Facility opens half-hour before the first game starts. Tropics also will feature Monday night and Thursday night NFL games. Patrons ages 18 and older are welcome; call 655-5698.

Sunday Brunch — Enjoy Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill. Call 438-1974.

30 / Monday
Mongolian Barbecue — Select your favorites from a large variety of meats and vegetables, 5 p.m., every Monday at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill, and grilling will be to your liking. Cost is 65 cents for each ounce. Call 655-4466.

Workweek Lunch — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974) offer daily lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy buffet style or menu items.

Sand Volleyball — Join weekly competition on Mondays; game starts at 6 p.m., SB Tropics Warrior Zone.

WOUNDED WARRIOR DONATION



JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM — Representatives from the Warrior Transition Battalion, Tripler Army Medical Center, accept a check for \$2,500, to benefit the Schofield Barracks Wounded Warrior Program, from members of the Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, during the Hawaii Military Award Luncheon at the Hickam Officers Club, here, Aug. 21. The annual donation will go directly to WTB in support of Wounded Warrior events held throughout the year. (Photo from Lorene Luke)

Call 655-5698.

October 1 / Tuesday
Youth Basketball/Cheerleading Registration — Youth born 1997-2008 can register for basketball (\$55) and cheerleading (\$20) for the 2014 season. Season runs Feb. 8-March 29, 2014.

FS Preschool Story Time — Take your toddlers to the library; different theme and story each week at 10 a.m., every Tuesday.

Taco Tuesday Night — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill offers three tacos, rice and beans specials for \$4.99. Call 655-4466.

8-Ball Pool Tournament — Join this popular weekly competition, starting at 6 p.m., Tuesdays, at SB Tropics Warrior Zone. Best two out of three plays for the champion title on the last Tuesday of the month. Free to play. Call 655-5698.

2 / Wednesday
Sgt. Yano Library — Catch Preschool Story Time at the SB library, 10 a.m., each Wednesday. Features a different theme and story. Call 655-4707.

BOSS Meetings — Single Soldiers and geographic bachelors are invited to Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers meetings every Wednesday to discuss community service projects and fun upcoming programs. Call Spc. Jennifer Coggins, BOSS president, 655-1130.

Attend these meetings:
•North meetings, 2 p.m., 1st and 3rd Wednesday, SB Tropics Warrior Zone.
•South meetings, 11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, FS Bowling Center.

Keiki Night — Every Wednesday night is Keiki Night, 5-8 p.m., at SB Kolekole Bar & Grill (655-4466) and FS Mulligan’s Bar & Grill (438-1974). Kids younger than 10 years eat for a special price from the keiki menu.

3 / Thursday
Clay Hand Building Workshop — Learn to work with clay from the experts at the SB Arts and Crafts Center, 1-3 p.m., Thursdays. Initial session is \$25; additional sessions are \$5. Call 655-4202 for pre-registration.

Pau Hana Social Hour — SB Kolekole Bar & Grill hosts an after-work fun time, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, and 4-6 p.m., Thursday-Friday. Enjoy discounted appetizers and domestic draft beverages.

Call 655-4466.

4 / Friday
Rocktoberfest — The SB Nehelani hosts a taste of Germany with a thirst for Rock & Roll. The annual event features food, drinks and entertainment with no cover charge. This event is adults only. Call 655-4466.

MWR Operation Rising Star — Registration ends Oct. 4, at the SB Nehelani, or online at www.himwr.com, for the individual singing competition, to be held at the Nehelani, in October, as follows:

- Round 1, Oct. 10, elimination round; sung a-cappella.
 - Round 2, Oct. 17, semifinals.
 - Round 3, Oct. 24, finals.
- Similar to “American Idol” and other televised competitions, participants will be judged by a panel of judges and an audience of peers as they compete each week for the chance to win the local \$500 first-place prize.

The local winner advances to the Army-wide competition for the chance to win the “Ultimate Recording Music Experience,” i.e., to record a demo with studio professionals.

Competition is open to active duty, Reserve, National Guard or military family members, 18 years of age and older, with a valid DOD ID card. Call 655-4466.

Send announcements a week prior to publication to community@hawaiiarmyweekly.com.

Today
Hispanic American Heritage 5K Run — 500th Military Intelligence Brigade will host the run, 6:30 a.m., Weyand Field, SB. All Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited.

Job Fair — The Schofield Barracks Army Career & Alumni Program hosts a job fair, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Nehelani, SB. Open to ACAP clients, veterans and military spouses. Come dressed to impress, and bring your resume! For details, visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/acap/default.htm.

Green to Gold Program — Officer-potential Soldiers who are interested in earning a degree are encouraged to apply. Check the Green to Gold website for complete benefits, eligibility requirements and the appropriate applications at www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted_soldiers.jsp.

28 / Saturday
Floral Parade — Celebrating its 61st year, Waikiki’s biggest annual parade begins at 9 a.m., from Ala Moana Park to Kapiolani Park. The

25th Infantry Division will join the parade, which caps off the month-long Aloha Festivals.

29 / Sunday
Gold Star Mother’s Day — The public is invited as survivors honor the fallen and mothers of the fallen with a lei presentation, 11:30 a.m., at the feet of Lady Columbia, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). This event is the official Army commemoration.

October 1 / Tuesday
Tropic Lightning Run — Follow the 25th ID Tropic Lighting 5K run, 5:30-8:30 a.m., along Trimble Road, SB. Expect traffic delays.

Family Night Programs — AMR and SB chapels invite the public to family night programs. The weekly event features dinner, classes and activities for children ages 4 through high school, and adults.

A nursery service, staffed by CYSS, is provided for children ages 6 months-4 years who are registered with CYSS or CDC.

Weekly schedule follows:
•AMR Chapel Family Spiritual Resiliency Night, Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
•Schofield Chapel Family Spiritual Resiliency Night, Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Call 833-8175 (SB) or 839-4319 (AMR).

2 / Wednesday
Spouse Information Meetings — Monthly information session is 9 a.m., Oct. 2, at the AMR Chapel, and 10 a.m., Oct. 7, at the Nehelani, SB. All spouses are invited to receive information from service providers on post, as well as to spotlight briefings. Visit www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil/info/sim.htm.

3 / Thursday
Hawaiian Culture — Island Palm Communities offers Hawaiian culture classes and activities, 4 p.m., every first Thursday of the month at Kaena Community Center, 5485 Gallup St., SB. Free to IPC residents. Call 275-3159 or email events@ipchawaii.com.

5 / Saturday
Retiree Appreciation Day — Spouses are invited to attend, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Hale Ikena, FS. Information is designed for veterans and retirees, including the Exchange, Tri-care, health education and Veterans Affairs benefits; includes lunch. Call 655-1585.

Ghost Tours — Historian Steven Fredrick hosts his “Walk with the Dead” Ghost Tour throughout the month of October, beginning Oct. 5. The four-hour walking tour covers 2 miles and visits haunted sites related to the dark side of historic Honolulu, including a haunted tavern. Tours begin at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 5-6,

12-13, 19-20 and 26-31. Cost is \$30 with military ID, \$40 general public. Reservations are required. Call 395-0674 or email filmguy54@hotmail.com.

10 / Thursday
AMR National Night Out — IPC will host the second National Night Out celebration, beginning 4 p.m., with a parade of exhibitors at the Aliamanu Community Center. This free event features safety exhibits, bouncers and live entertainment; it ends with a movie on the lawn at 6:30 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets.

26 / Saturday
National Take Back Day — Turn in unused or expired medication for safe, anonymous disposal on National Take Back Initiative Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The military community can dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs at three post locations, SB Main Exchange (inside, near the flower shop); Marine Corps Exchange (front), Kaneohe Bay; and Navy Exchange (main lobby). The off-post population can participate at these locations:
•Hawaii State Capitol;
•Kahala Mall (inside);
•Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center (in middle);
•Kapolei Police Station; and
•Mililani Town Center (north end). Call 541-1930 or visit www.dea.gov.

Additional religious services, children’s programs, educational services and contact information can be found at www.garrison.hawaii.army.mil. (Click on “Religious Support Office” under the “Directorates and Support Staff” menu.)

AMR: Aliamanu Chapel
FD: Fort DeRussy Chapel
HMR: Helemano Chapel
MPC: Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks
PH: Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor
SC: Soldiers’ Chapel, Schofield Barracks
TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center Chapel
WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield Chapel

Buddhist Services
•First Sunday, 1 p.m. at FD
•Fourth Sunday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex

Catholic Mass
•Thursday, 9 a.m. at AMR
•Saturday, 5 p.m. at TAMC, WAAF
•Sunday services:
- 8:30 a.m. at AMR
- 10:30 a.m. at MPC Annex
- 11 a.m. at TAMC
•Monday-Friday, 11:45 a.m. at MPC and 12 p.m.TAMC

Gospel Worship
•Sunday, noon. at MPC
•Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at AMR

Islamic Prayers and Study
•Friday, 1 p.m. at MPC Annex
•Friday, 2:30 p.m., TAMC
•Saturday and Sunday, 5:30 a.m.; 6, 7 and 8 p.m. at MPC Annex

Jewish Shabbat (Sabbath)
•Friday, 7:30 p.m. at PH

Pagan (Wicca)
•Friday, 7 p.m. at MPC Annex Room 232

Protestant Worship
•Sunday Services
-8:45 a.m. at MPC
-9 a.m., at FD, TAMC chapel
-10 a.m. at HMR
-10:30 a.m. at AMR
-10:45 a.m. at WAAF (Spanish language)
-11 a.m. at SC (Contemporary)
Liturgical (Lutheran/Anglican)
•Sunday, 9 a.m. at WAAF

This Week at the

MOVIES

Sgt. Smith Theater

Call 624-2585 for movie listings or go to aafes.com under reeltime movie listing.

Jobs
(PG-13)
Fri., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.



Planes
(PG)
Sat., Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 29, 5 p.m.

Kick-Ass 2
(R)
Sat., Sept. 28, 6 p.m.



Turbo
(PG)
Sun., Sept. 29, 1 p.m.

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters
(PG)
Thurs., Oct. 3, 7 p.m

No shows on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

Calendar abbreviations 8th TSC: 8th Theater Sustainment Command 25th ID: 25th Infantry Division ACS: Army Community Service AFAP: Army Family Action Plan AFTB: Army Family Team Building AMR: Aliamanu Military Reservation	ASYMCA: Armed Services YMCA BCT: Brigade Combat Team BSB: Brigade Support Battalion Co.: Company CYSS: Child, Youth and School Services EFMP: Exceptional Family Member Program FMWR: Family and Morale, Welfare and	Recreation FRG: Family Readiness Group FS: Fort Shafter HMR: Helemano Military Reservation IPC: Island Palm Communities PFC: Physical Fitness Center SB: Schofield Barracks	SKIES: Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills TAMC: Tripler Army Medical Center USAG-HI: U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii USARPAC: U.S. Army-Pacific WAAF: Wheeler Army Airfield
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Pfc. Courtney Morrison (left), bike patrolman, and Sgt. Frank Poppa, bike patrol NCOIC, both with the 13th MP Det., 728th MP Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, wave to the camera while standing atop a scaffold out front of the Waipahu Walmart, Sept.12, during the annual “Cop on Top” event.

MPs raise funds, awareness

Story and photo by
STAFF SGT. RICHARD SHERBA
8th Military Police Brigade Public Affairs
8th Theater Sustainment Command

WAIPAHU — If you had been one of the many shoppers at the Walmart, here, Sept. 12-14, then you may not have been alone in wondering what in the world those cops were doing up on top of that scaffolding with their megaphones, and their music, and why they were doing all those push-ups.

Well, if you had stopped to ask, you would have learned that they were simply raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Hawaii via the 12th annual “Cop on Top” event.

“Cop on Top was started in Hawaii about 11 years ago,” said Antonio Williams, deputy chief of police, Directorate of Emergency Services, U.S. Army Garrison-Hawaii, and lead police officer at the Waipahu site.

“It started because one police officer stayed on top of the Waikiki Theater in the hopes of making \$10,000, and he was intent on staying up there till he made it,” Williams continued. “Well, he accomplished that feat in Waikiki in only four hours, and that sparked an idea that has gone on in tradition for 11 years.”

Williams was not alone in raising awareness and funds for Special Olympics Hawaii over the weekend. Joining Williams were Pfc. Courtney Morrison, bike patrolman, and Sgt. Frank Poppa, bike patrol

noncommissioned officer in charge, both with the 13th Military Police Detachment, 728th MP Battalion, 8th MP Brigade.

“The great thing about this partnership is you have law enforcement from all over the island, to include the armed forces,” Williams said. “Here, at the Waipahu site, it’s unique in nature because we have myself paired up with two military police officers.”

Morrison and Poppa climbed up and onto the scaffold at 5:30 a.m., Sept. 12, and didn’t come back down until a little after 3 p.m., Sept. 14.

During the 60-hour nonstop marathon, the two military policemen ate, slept and, most importantly, raised awareness for Special Olympics Hawaii.

What kept these two MPs going? How did they pull it off?

“Seeing all the athletes is what motivated me,” said Morrison. “You see the athletes, and you just stay motivated. Once you get past the numbness of fatigue, you don’t care.

“I loved hanging out with the athletes,” Morrison added. “They kept us on our toes and reminded us to do push-ups for the donations.”

Special Olympics athletes came out in force, as well, volunteering their time throughout the three-day Cop on Top event.

“I think Cop on Top is great! You know

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Sorensen makes run 4 record

Story and photo by
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SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — At 3:45 a.m., Monday, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Soldiers from across the 303rd EOD Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade, gathered in a parking lot, here, and awaited a bus to transport them to Ching Field at the University of Hawaii’s Manoa campus to witness history.

As Soldiers found seats on board the bus and nestled in for naps during the hour-long ride, others engaged in conversations.

“Eighty pounds is 80 pounds. After a while, it starts wearing on the body; the weight starts pulling you down,” said Staff Sgt. Dean Kaialau, team leader, 74th EOD Company, 303rd EOD Bn. “The heat the body is putting off is just staying inside (the bomb suit), and there’s no where the heat can get out. It just gets hotter and hotter.

“Running 1 mile consistently in a bomb suit, that’s pretty rough ...” Kaialau continued. “It’s not just about the physical endurance; it’s also about the mental endurance of taking that kind of punishment to the body.”

Perhaps only an EOD Soldier can truly understand what 1st Lt. Ashley Sorensen, operations officer, 706th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., was about to go through in an attempt to break the world record for a 1-mile run in a bomb suit (female).

And, perhaps, that is the reason why the bus was packed full of Soldiers as it rolled along the highway at “O-dark-30.”

Sorensen, a native of Milwaukee, didn’t disappoint her supporters, because she rolled along, too, for four grueling laps around the UH track.

The 25-year-old was steady, gritty and tough as she maintained a pace of about 2 minutes, 45 seconds per lap — shattering the previous

world record of 13 minutes, 47 seconds when she crossed the finish line at 11 minutes, 6 seconds.

Video and photographic evidence was meticulously gathered, as well as sworn statements, to be submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Pending the results and findings, Sorensen’s name can be entered in as the official record holder of the 1-mile run in a bomb suit (female).

It will take four to six weeks to get an official ruling from the Guinness Book of World Records, but that didn’t stop EOD Soldiers, Sorensen and her supporters from celebrating the feat, now.

“She (Sorensen) is opening the door for a lot of people,” said Spc. Estella Clark, admin. clerk, 74th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn.

“She stands up when people out there say you can’t do it, and she’s showing them that, yes, she can do it,” Clark stated. “It makes her a role model for female Soldiers and for all Soldiers.”

“We’re extremely proud of Lt. Sorensen and her accomplishments; it really sheds light on the capabilities of women in the Army and the capabilities of EOD,” agreed Lt. Col. Mark Faria, commander, 303rd EOD Bn. “We are especially glad to be able to share this event with the University of Hawaii and their ROTC department, and we’re thankful for all the help they gave us in making this happen.”

After giving numerous interviews, on camera and off, Sorensen, a graduate of West Point, reflected on her accomplishment.

“That was probably the hardest thing I have ever done,” Sorensen said. “I think, as an athlete, you have to be able to deal with pressure, and it felt like there was a little bit of extra weight on me out there — with all the people watching and the cameras everywhere.

“As long as you put your mind to something, and if you really try and if you really want it enough, you’ll figure out a way to do it,” Sorensen concluded.



1st Lt. Ashley Sorensen, operations officer, 706th EOD Co., 303rd EOD Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, attempts to break the world record for running 1 mile while wearing an 80-pound bomb suit, Monday. See more photos at www.hawaiiarmyweekly.com. (Photo has been altered from its original form; background elements have been removed.)

Volunteering nothing new for ‘Never Daunted’s’ Brower

1ST LT. JOSEPHINE KIM
84th Engineer Battalion Public Affairs
8th Military Police Brigade
8th Theater Sustainment Command

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Mililani Uka Elementary School recognized Spc. F. Wolfgang Brower, signal support systems specialist, 643rd Engineer Company, 84th Eng. Battalion, 8th Military Police Brigade, with the school’s “Volunteer of the Year award,” during the 12th annual Joint Venture Education Forum, held at The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Kapolei, Aug. 29.

“Mililani Uka has been the fortunate recipient of a military partnership with the 84th Engineers,” said Heather Wilhelm, Mililani Uka principal. “Our partnership provides our students with a deeper understanding of the world beyond our local community. The experiences shared by the Soldiers broaden the thinking of our students and enlivens our classrooms.

“One very special volunteer who we were glad to recognize at the annual JVEF conference was Spc. Brower,” Wilhelm added. “Amazingly, Spc. Brower found the time to assist with eight different school events over the course of the year. He definitely was our Volunteer of the Year.”

Volunteering is nothing new to Brower, 36; however, being recognized for it is.

The native of Moline, Ill., has been volunteering for most of his life with soup kitchens, at programs for the elderly and through raising



Spc. F. Wolfgang Brower, signal support systems specialist, 643rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn., 8th MP Bde., 8th TSC, leads students from Mililani Uka Elementary in jumping jacks as part of the school’s “Get Fit Day,” earlier this year. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Gaelen Lowers, 8th Theater Sustainment Command Public Affairs)

funds and awareness for breast cancer research, as well as by donating gifts to the needy during the holiday season.

Brower recalled the first time he ever volunteered and what perhaps started a lifelong interest in volunteering.

“I was living in the greater Mississippi Valley, and it was the big flood of ‘96,” Brower said. “We were sandbagging, and we were getting destroyed. (The water) was coming in so quick, but there was this one building we managed to save, and the owner was so appreciative. The owner said ‘lunch is on me,’ and it felt good. It was amazing.”

USO survey open to Soldiers, family members thru Oct. 1

UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
News Release

Service and family members are asked to participate in the USO’s annual online survey. The survey’s intent is to support the USO in its determination of which programs and services are considered the most valuable, and which meet the needs of the military and family member population.

For example, feedback and input from pre-

vious surveys have helped the USO improve connectivity in Southwest Asia, to develop a Deployment Care Package and to establish a Mobile United through Reading kit for troops in areas away from a USO center, and more.

USO website
Take the survey at www.TellUSO.org.

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, and participants who complete the survey will have the opportunity to enter into a drawing.

According to a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Defense, “the USO’s mission is to enhance the quality of life of military members and their

Brower, who enlisted in the Army a little more than three years ago, was amazed to discover his passion for volunteering coincides with the Army’s commitment to local communities.

“I think it’s amazing,” Brower said. “I am 36 years old, and I have worked a lot of jobs. If I were to ever go to one of my old bosses and say, ‘Hey, I want to go volunteer and do this,’ especially during the workday, they would say, ‘Uh, yeah, you can do that on your own time.’ Here in the 84th (Eng. Bn.), they are big on (volunteering).

“They’re gung-ho,” Brower added. “If I tell them (the 84th Eng. Bn.), ‘Hey, I want to volunteer and do this,’ they will make it fit. They not only let you volunteer, but they are, like, we think these people (other Soldiers) would be good, too; take them with you.”

And that’s exactly what Brower did.

When volunteering at Mililani Uka Elementary, Brower would bring other Soldiers along to read to children every other Friday and to pitch in with activities held throughout the school year, such as the school’s “Get Fit Days” and “Fall Festival,” to name a few.

“A lot of Soldiers come into the military straight out of high school; they never really had a job and never really volunteered,” Brower said. “I think (the Army) doing stuff like (volunteering) helps build better Soldiers, and I think it helps build these Soldiers into being better people for when they are ready to leave the military.”

‘Wolfhounds’ partner with local elementary school

2ND LT. HANNAH SMITH

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs
25th Inf. Division

WAIANAЕ — “Look, the Army is here!” squealed a student at Leihoku Elementary School, here, as four Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, “Wolfhounds,” 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, arrived to participate in an area beautification event, recently.

“The children consider you guys rock stars here,” Kris Phifer, vice principal, told 2nd Lt. She’me Hicks, the Army School Partnership officer for 1-27th Inf. Bn., over the shouts and staring eyes of the excited elementary schoolchildren.

Hicks organized last week’s project at Leihoku Elementary School, which consisted of Soldiers helping repaint worn-out ground murals that the children play on during recess and after school.

“Our battalion was assigned Leihoku Elementary School and Waianae Elementary School as part of the Army School Sponsorship Program,” said Hicks. “It’s our job to coordinate with our schools and set up events, such as area beautification, physical training or classroom time, where we talk about the Army.”

During these events, Soldiers not only get to know people in the local community, but also the children benefit by learning about the military and the importance of education.

“Several years ago, the military came out and hosted a training day with the children and let them eat MREs and work in the field with them,” Phifer said. “To this day, we have members of the faculty who talk about how great it was and how much the children loved working with the Soldiers.”

“The overall goal is to strengthen the relationship of the military and the local community by taking a vested interest in the education system,” Hicks stated.

The importance of education is significant in the Waianae community, because, according to statistics, the school is located in one of Oahu’s poorest communities.

“Eighty-five percent of the students are on free and reduced lunch, and attendance is an issue,” Phifer noted. “Students typically miss up to 15 days of school a year, which totals up to a whole year of missed school by the time they graduate.”

The Wolfhounds intend to address this issue the next time they talk with the children and visit the school, during which time they will help paint pillars that represent Leihoku’s “Pillars of Character” Education Program.

Afterward, the Soldiers will explain the meaning of each pillar — such as respect, citizenship and responsibility — which are similar to the seven Army Values.

Deployments and different training cycles have shifted the focus away from school partnerships in recent years; however, the recent reinstitution of the program among the Wolfhounds holds promise for Leihoku Elementary School, its students and the Soldiers who participate.

Several other units from Schofield Barracks have been very successful in their partnership with local schools, and the Wolfhounds intend to follow in those footsteps.



1st Lt. Tristan Rowe, 1-27th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, helps a student at Leihoku Elementary School paint a hopscotch on the sidewalk during a beautification project, recently. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Hannah Smith, 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs, 25th Inf. Division)



Lts. Hannah Smith (from left), She’me Hicks, Shawn McKillip and Tristan Rowe, all with 1-27th Inf. Regt., 2nd SBCT, 25th ID, leave their mark at Leihoku Elementary School by painting an “Army Strong” hopscotch on the sidewalk. (Photo by Kris Phifer)

Cop on Top: Volunteers help Special Olympics

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they take their time off and come out here and help. Everybody helps us, the police department and the MPs,” said Nicholas Pang, a 30-year-old Special Olympics athlete and winner of two gold medals in powerlifting while representing Team USA in Athens, Greece, in 2011.

Pang also spoke about what the importance of Special Olympics and his involvement in the program means to him.

“It’s just fun and great to be involved in sports and to have something to do,” said Pang, a Waipahu resident. “Meeting other athletes from different states is great, and it brings families together.”

As the event neared its end, Kyle Karioka, development manager, Special Olympics, expressed his gratitude for the volunteers.

“We cannot do (this program) without our volunteers, especially those volunteers in uniform,” Karioka said. “It means a lot to us to have this support, and without this support, we wouldn’t be able to make this program happen.”